

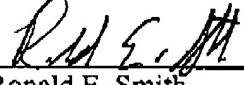
Remarks:

This preliminary amendment is made to remove the limitation "wine" or "wine bottle" from the claims, and to replace said limitations with the terms "liquid fluid" and "container," respectively.

If a Notice of Allowance cannot be entered at this time for any reason, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

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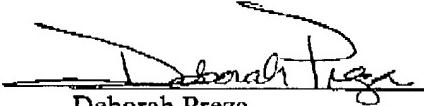
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Preliminary Amendment, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3727, (703) 872-9302 on April 2, 2004.

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